

July 21, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for Approval of
Proposed Revisions to its "Rider to Retail Rates – Community Solar"
Docket No. 2017-__-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or "Company") hereby requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") issue an order authorizing and approving the revisions to the Company's "Rider to Retail Rates – Community Solar" ("Rider") shown in redline in the attached Exhibit A. A clean version of the Rider with the revisions incorporated is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

The proposed revision to the "Availability" Section of the Rider provides more specificity as to how the community solar capacity will be allocated, is necessary to ensure that all eligible customer groups have an opportunity to participate in the Community Solar program, and is consistent with how the Authorized Community Solar Developer is marketing the program. The proposed addition to the "Subscription Model" Section of the Rider clarifies that the 1 MW AC available to low-income Residential Customers will be made available on a first come, first serve basis. The proposed addition to the "Term of Bill Credit" Section of the Rider conforms the tariff to the Credit Rate Agreement approved by the Commission in Order Nos. 2016-707 and 2017-151 and recognizes that the Authorized Community Solar Developer may elect not to extend the Initial Term for the Extended Term.

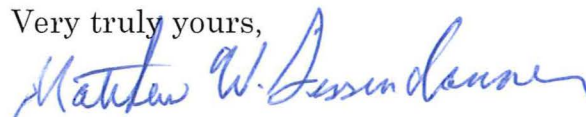
The Company respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed revisions to the attached Rider without notice and hearing. Approval of the revisions to the Rider does not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return and does not result in any rate increase to the Company.

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By copy of this letter, we are serving counsel for the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff with the Company's request.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



Matthew W. Gissendanner

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Enclosures

cc: Dawn Hipp
Jeff Nelson, Esquire
(both via electronic mail and First Class U.S. Mail w/enclosures)

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EXCESS CREDIT

In the event that the amount of the bill credit exceeds the amount of the Customer's bill, then excess credits will be carried forward and applied to the next billing statement. If the purchasing Customer's bill credit balance carried forward exceeds \$300, the Authorized Community Solar Developer may, if provided for in an agreement between the Authorized Community Solar Developer and the purchasing Customer, instruct the Company to withhold the issuance of new bill credits to the purchasing Customer until such time as the amount of bill credit balance for such purchasing Customer returns to zero or the Authorized Community Solar Developer instructs the Company that it may resume issuance of new bill credits to such purchasing Customer. Any such withheld bill credits shall be forfeited by the purchasing Customer. Any outstanding bill credit of \$600 or more as of the November billing month will be provided through a payment to the Customer. Any outstanding bill credit under \$600 as of the November billing month will continue to be carried forward and applied to the next billing statement.

TERM OF BILL CREDIT

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (1) To qualify for this rider, the Customer must first qualify for and be served on one of the following rate schedules: Rates 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, and 22. The Customer must also meet all other qualifications set forth in the Availability Section above, and

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(2) All provisions of the applicable rate schedules listed above in (1) including, but not limited to, Billing Demand, Determination of On- and Off-Peak Hours, Adjustment for Fuel Costs, Demand Side Management Component, Pension Costs Component, **RIDER TO RETAIL RATES** **COMMUNITY SOLAR**

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